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LB 1092, 1106, 985

those two sections work simultaneously. Lastly, I would represent on this floor that the revenue bond idea should be passed this year and it should be, we should find a home for it in 1106 and we should think about how we want to phrase this reserve fund concept and see to it that it, too, is in 1106. We needn't change any of the substantive rules, as far as I'm concerned in 1106 and move that bill through and we will have the major advance of water legislation in the last 15 years essentially overseen by the leadership of Loran Schmit. And I, I will be the first to stand tall and congratulate him and the Public Works Committee for that. I just want to see to it that the structure and the funding changes occur at the same time and I'm prepared to march to the tune that has been called here but I only want to have to march once, not three different times.

SENATOR KAHLE PRESIDING

SENATOR KAHLE: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit to close.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, you know LB 985 is a bill which we probably didn't even need because in the present statute and I want to read, I won't read, but in lines 15 to 18 there's authorization language to carry the unspent funds over. What we are doing here in this bill is simply to reemphasize the fact and to make it absolutely clear that they do not need to reappropriate these funds. 985 is not really that major a bill. But I think it is a part of the general concept of the reserve fund idea and, therefore, we did go ahead and introduce the bill. I want to say, also, that had we tried to put everything together in some kind of an omnibus bill, we probably would have had to also include LB 1092, the Endangered Species Act which in last inspection is still languishing in the Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee and is not going to be acted upon this year. Certainly I would have preferred that it had come to the floor and been discussed and debated but it's not going to make it. And I'm not going to hold up LB 1106 for that. I think it's important that the bills move, that they move individually, collectively, together, combined, whatever you